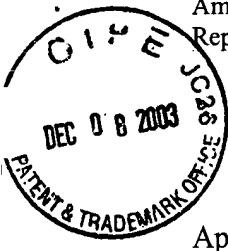


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003.

The Examiner has provided a restriction requirement, requiring Applicants to elect between Claims 1-16 (Group I) and Claims 17-20 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-16 (Group I) without traverse.

The Examiner is also requiring Applicants to elect a single disclosed species from each of Group I (use CrSi as 1st resistor (i.e. claim 2) or use NiCr as 1st resistor (i.e. claim 3)) and Group II (use TiN as landing pad (i.e. claim 6) or use TiW as landing pad (i.e. claim 7)). Applicants hereby elect the claim 2 species (use CrSi as 1st resistor) from Group I and the claim 7 species (use TiW as landing pad) from Group II.

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Applicants hereby request examination of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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